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SUBJECT: UNCTAD - SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS ON COMMODITIES

1. FOLLOWING IS A SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS ON COMMODITY TOPICS
THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT PROPOSES TO INCLUDE IN CALENDAR
OF MEETINGS FOR 1976-77 (TD/L/437) TO BE APPROVED BY TDB:

COPPER - SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 1

JUTE AND JUTE PRODUCTS - OCTOBER 25 - 29

AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE - FIRST SESSION -
3 DAYS DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22 - 26

COMMON FUND, FIRST MEETING - NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 3

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE FOR 1977:

RUBBER - JANUARY 17 - 21

COMMON FUND, SECOND MEETING - JANUARY 24 - 28

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COMMON FUND, THIRD MEETING - TO BE DETERMINED

NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON A COMMON FUND - MARCH 7 - APRIL 1

OIL AND OIL SEEDS - MARCH/APRIL

TROPICAL TIMBER - SECOND QUARTER

COPPER, SECOND MEETING - FIRSTS HALF

BANANAS - SECOND QUARTER

COTTON - SECOND OR THIRD QUARTER

TEA - SECOND HALF

PHOSPHATES - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

IRON ORE - SECOND HALF

MANGANESE - SECOND HALF

BAUXITE - SECOND HALF

AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE - AS REQUIRED

OTHER PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES - AS REQUIRED

MEAT - JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1978

2. WASHINGTON'S ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE DATES OF AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE AND COMMON FUND MEETINGS. SOME GROUP B MEMBERS (U.K., CANADA) CONSIDERING WHETHER WE SHOULD URGE THAT SECRETARIAT MOVE UP THESE TWO MEETINGS. THEY NOTE THAT CIEC MEETING IN LAST HALF OF NOVEMBER MAY BE LOND AND DIFFICULT AND WILL INVOLVE MANY OF SAME PEOPLE WHO WOULD ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. THEY ALSO NOTE IT MAY BE USEFUL IF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD POINT TO WORK IN UNCTAD ON COMMON FUND AT CIEC MEETING. UNCTAD SECRETARIAT OBSERVES THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT REALIZES THAT SOME DELEGATIONS WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING ON THE COMMON FUND BEFORE THE NOVEMBER SESSION OF CIEC BUT THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT, THOUGH NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO CHANGE THE DATES FOR THE COMMON FUND MEETING.

3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE PROBLEM AND OUR PROPOSAL IN BOSWORTH LETTER OF AUGUST 23 THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT SCHEDULE

AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING BEFORE
INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES CONSULTATIONS, U.K. AND CANADIANS
HAVE ASKED US IF WE INTEND TO RAISE QUESTION OF DATES
THESE MEETINGS AT TDB.

4. IN VIEW OUR BASIC ATTITUDE TOWARD COMMON FUND
PROPOSAL, ASSUME WE WOULD NOT WISH TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH
ANY MOVE TO ADVANCE TIMING OF MEETINGS ON IT. CONCERNING
DATE OF MEETING OF AD HOC COMMODITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE,
ASSUME THAT WE WILL WISH REITERATE REASONS WHY WE
WOULD HAVE STRONGLY PREFERRED MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER
TDB, BUT THAT WE NO LONGER REALISTICALLY EXPECT MEETING
COULD BE ADVANCED TO THAT TIME. DELEGATION SHOULD COME
PREPARED WITH ADEQUATE GUIDANCE DEAL WITH THESE ISSUES.
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